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AUG 9, 1977 (SALT TWO - 1332)

THE FOLLOWING IS INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT DELIVERED BY DEPUTY
MINISTER SEMENOV AT THE SALT TWO MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 1977:

QUOTE:

ON BEHALF OF THE USSR DELEGATION I WELCOME THE WELL
KNOWN U.S. SENATOR, JOHN GLENN, WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN
OUR MEETING TODAY. WE HOPE THAT HIS PARTICIPATION IN OUR
WROK WILL CONTRIBUTE TO CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRESS AT THE SOVIET-
U.S. NEGOTIATIONS ON THE LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE
ARMS. THESE WORDS ALSO APPLY TO SENATOR GEORGE MCGOVERN,
WHO VISITED GENEVA AND WHOM I HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING
YESTERDAY AT COCKTAILS AT THE U.S. MISSION.

LAST WEEK WE APPROVED THE DRAFT TEXT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT,
UPDATED IN THE DRAFTING GROUP, WHICH REFLECTS THE STATUS OF
THE WORK DONE BY THE DELEGATIONS ON REACHING AGREEMENT ON ITS
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PROVISIONS, AS OF AUGUST 5, 1977. THIS TEXT PROVIDES A GOOD
PICTURE OF WHAT WE HAVE AGREED UPON, AS WELL AS OF THE PROS-
PECTS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. TAKING PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS
ARE OUTSTANDING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS, MILITARY AND
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, BUT MUCH REMAINS THAT WILL

REQUIRE FURTHER WORK, NOT ONLY AT THE LEVEL OF DELEGATIONS,
BUT ALSO AT THE LEVEL OF STATES.

WE ARE NOT ON HOLIDAY HERE, BUT RATHER ARE ENGAGED IN
BUSINESSLIKE WORK, PAINSTAKING AND DETAILED. AS WE UNDERSTAND
IT, THE DELEGATIONS ARE CONDUCTING THIS WORK, CONSCIOUS OF
THEIR GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR TASKS.

I AM CONVINCED THAT THE MORE PRODUCTIVE THIS WORK, THE
MORE MEANINGFUL WILL BE THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE DELEGATIONS
TO PREPARATION BY THE SIDES FOR THE MEETINGS BETWEEN USSR
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS A.A. GROMYKO AND U.S. SECRETARY
OF STATE CYRUS VANCE, WHICH ARE TO TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER.
THESE MEETINGS WILL BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR THE FURTHER
DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND FOR STRENGTHENING
PEACE ON EARTH.

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